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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITOR: GILLES MARTINET

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1. REQUEST PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBJECT VISITOR AS PER REFTEL FOR PERIOD 19 OCTOBER - 8 NOVEMBER. IN PLANNING PROGRAM OF CONTACTS SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO FACT THAT MARTINET'S BOOK IS A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF SEVERAL WESTERN TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS AND THEREFORE HE WILL NEED TO GAIN AN INSIGHT IN THE SHORT TIME OF 18 DAYS INTO THE SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF AMERICAN TRADE UNIONS ON THE BASIS OF WHICH HE CAN MAKE A MEANINGFUL COMPARISON WITH THE OTHER TRADE UNIONS INCLUDED IN HIS STUDY.

2. IN VIEW OF HIS PLANS TO REMAIN IN THE U.S. APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AND OF OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, YOU MAY DISREGARD OUR REQUEST IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL CONCERNING GRANT FOR EXTRA TIME IN THE U.S. PLEASE RETAIN, HOWEVER, OUR PLEA FOR A SPECIAL EFFORT FOR MARTINET'S VISIT.

3. WITH REGARD TO GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS, MARTINET AGREED WITH OUR SUGGESTION FOR HIS ITINERARY TO INCLUDE WASHINGTON, DETROIT, NEW YORK AND A MID-WESTERN SMALLER INDUSTRIAL CITY SO AS TO OBSERVE EFFECTIVENESS
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AND IMPACT OF AMERICAN TRADE UNIONS IN SMALLER

COMMUNITIES. IN CHOOSING SUCH A CITY PREFERENCE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ONE WHICH HAD RECENTLY UNDERGONE THE EXPERIENCE OF ORGANIZING A PLANT AND HOLDING NLRB ELECTIONS. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR SOMEONE LIKE MARTINET TO GET FIRST-HAND EVIDENCE OF THE MILITANCY AND SYSTEMATIC MANNER IN WHICH AMERICAN UNIONS GO ABOUT ORGANIZING LABOR.

4. LABATT HAS WRITTEN TO ROY GODSON WITH COPY OF LETTER TO CU AND ILAB OF LABOR.
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